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SUBJ: TOGO/BENIN BORDER

REF A - LOME 217, B - COTONOU 153, C - ACCRA 787,

1. NIGERIAN AMB HAS INFORMED US THAT TOGO/BENIN BORDER
ISSUE WILL BE SETTLED BY MIDWEEK. HE WOULD GIVE NO DETAILS
BUT WE INFER FROM WHAT HE SAID THAT NIGERIAN GOVT IS TAKING
AN ACTIVE HAND IN ARRANGING SOLUTION.

2. ACCORDING TO GHANAIAAN CHARGE, HIS GOVT NOW BLAMES TOGO
FOR BORDER PROBLEMS AND CONSIDERS TOGO'S RECENT CLOSURE
ACTION UNREASONABLE. THAT IS POSSIBLY THE GIST OF ACHEAMPONG'S
MESSAGE TO EYADEMA (REF C).

3. FRENCH AMB HERE TELLS US EYADEMA CALLED IN NIGERIAN AND
GHANAIAAN AMBS THE NIGHT BEFORE HE CLOSED THE BORDER TO
GIVE THEM ADVANCE NOTICE OF HIS IMPENDING ACTION.
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